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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Danny Buckingham, 42, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 15 months in prison for wire fraud. Buckingham pleaded guilty to this charge on July 20, 2006. This term of imprisonment will be followed by three years of supervised release. Additionally, Buckingham was ordered to pay \$63,603.94 in restitution to Russ Darrow.

Buckingham was employed by Russ Darrow for approximately 17 years. In January 2004, shortly after becoming the Parts Manager, he began placing special orders without authorization for high performance parts which he would later steal and sell on his own.

The charges against Buckingham were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Daniel J. Graber and Elizabeth Altman.

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